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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PATENT APPLICATION OF

G. William Walster

Serial No. 10/042,907

Filing Date: January 8, 2002

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SOLVING  
AN EQUALITY CONSTRAINED GLOBAL  
OPTIMIZATION PROBLEM

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Sir:

In connection with the above-referenced U. S. patent application, transmitted herewith are the following papers:

- Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 to official action mailed November 30, 2004.
- A petition for extension of time is also enclosed with a fee of \$55.00 for a one-month extension for a small entity.
- Terminal disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c), including
  - check for \$110.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d), and
  - 2 certificates under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b).
- Information disclosure statement, form 1449 and        references.
- No additional claims fees are required.

[ ] An additional fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDTL FEE
Total Claims		MINUS = 20	0	x \$18 =	
Independent Claims		MINUS = 3	0	x \$78 =	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$260.00					
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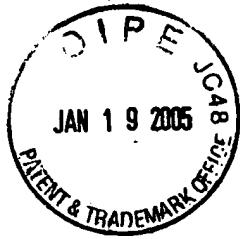
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## AMENDMENT

Sir

In response to the office action of **November 30, 2004**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.